

## PRESET AND SPECIAL FUNCTION

### PRESET

This key initiates a frequency calibration, initializes selected Special Functions and enters the default data values indicated in green. (To initialize Special Functions only, use 0.0 SP.) PRESET also sets the following parameters:

START FREQ = 10 MHz  
STOP FREQ = 1500 MHz  
STEP SIZE = 20 MHz

FREQUENCY = 30 MHz  
FREQ INCR = 20 MHz  
SWEEP = OFF

CALIBRATION = OFF  
MEAS. = NOISE FIGURE  
SMOOTHING = 1

### SPECIAL FUNCTION



This key completes a Special Function (SP) entry and activates the selected Special Function. Special Functions perform one or more of the following tasks:

a. Execute or Select Commands

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Selects Measurement Mode 1.2

b. Display and Enter Data

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Displays current Ext LO Frequency

3 0 0 0 ENTER

Enters new Ext LO Frequency of 3000 MHz

c. Display Information

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Displays current ENR in dB

SP CODE (HP-IB CODE)

### INITIALIZE SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

0.0 (CS) Initializes selected Special Functions to settings in green. However, the default data values are not entered. The existing values are not changed.

### MEASUREMENT MODE SELECTION

1.0 (E0) Mode 1.0: 10 to 1500 MHz, No Ext LO  
1.1 (E1) Mode 1.1: Variable-freq. Ext LO, Fixed IF  
1.2 (E2) Mode 1.2: Fixed-freq. Ext LO, Variable IF (Single Sideband)  
1.3 (E3) Mode 1.3: Variable-freq. Ext LO, Fixed IF (Mixer in DUT)  
1.4 (E4) Mode 1.4: Fixed-freq. Ext LO, Variable IF (Mixer in DUT)

### SIDEBAND FREQUENCY OFFSET

2.0 (B0) Double Sideband—No Offset  
2.1 (B1) LSB ( $F_{\text{SIGNAL}} < F_{\text{LO}}$ )  
2.2 (B2) USB ( $F_{\text{SIGNAL}} > F_{\text{LO}}$ )

### ENTER IF AND LO FREQUENCIES

3.0 (IF) IF: Modes 1.1 and 1.3 (30 MHz)  
3.1 (LF) LO: Modes 1.2 and 1.4 (10000 MHz)

### CONTROL FUNCTION SELECTION

4.0 Normal Talker and Listener  
4.1 Enable Ext LO Control  
4.2 Talk Only

### ENR AND $T_{\text{HOT}}$ SETTINGS

(See Manual for ENR Table Entry)  
5.0 (S0) Use ENR Table  
5.1 (S1) Use Spot ENR  
5.2 (SE) Display Current ENR in dB  
5.3 (NE) Enter and Use Spot ENR (15.2 dB)  
5.4 (TH) Enter and Use Spot  $T_{\text{HOT}}$  (9893K)  
5.5 (SN) Enter Noise Source Identifier

### $T_{\text{COLD}}$ SETTINGS

6.0 (TC) Enter  $T_{\text{COLD}}$  (296.5K)

### OUTPUT TO OSCILLOSCOPE

7.0 (A0) Noise Figure and Gain  
7.1 (A1) Test Pattern  
7.2 (A2) Noise Figure Only  
7.3 (A3) Gain Only

### ENTER OSCILLOSCOPE LIMITS

8.1 (NL) Noise Figure Lower Limit (0)  
8.2 (NU) Noise Figure Upper Limit (8)  
8.3 (GL) Gain Lower Limit (0)  
8.4 (GU) Gain Upper Limit (40)

### POWER MEASUREMENTS

(dB Rel. to kTo)

9.1 (N5) SOURCE Off—Uncal  
9.2 (N6) SOURCE On—Uncal  
9.3 (N7) SOURCE Off—Cal  
9.4 (N8) SOURCE Off—Cal

### NOISE FIGURE DISPLAY UNITS

10.0 (N0) F dB  
10.1 (N1) F  
10.2 (N2) Y dB  
10.3 (N3) Y  
10.4 (N4) Te K

### SELECT NOISE SOURCE TEMP. UNITS FOR DATA INPUT

(Applies to 5.4, 6.0, and 34.3 SP)

11.0 (D0) K  
11.1 (D1) °C  
11.2 (D2) °F

### DISPLAY RESOLUTION

12.0 (X0) Maximum Resolution  
12.1 (X1) Less Res. on Noise Figure  
12.2 (X2) Less Res. on Gain

SP CODE (HP-IB CODE)

### SMOOTHING (AVERAGING)

13.0 (V0) Exponential Smoothing  
13.1 (V1) Arithmetic Smoothing  
13.2 (AF) Smoothing Factor (1)

### MANUAL MEASUREMENT FUNCTIONS

14.1 (MC) Cold Meas.—SOURCE Off  
14.2 (MH) Hot Meas.—SOURCE On  
14.3 (CC) Cold Calibration—SOURCE Off  
14.4 (CH) Hot Calibration—SOURCE On  
15.0 (P0) Normal Display Mode  
15.1 (P1) Display Manual Meas. Results

### RECORDER FUNCTIONS

20.0 (LL) Go to Lower Left  
21.0 (UR) Go to Upper Right  
22.0 (A4) Plot Noise Figure  
23.0 (A5) Plot Gain  
24.0 (A6) Strip Chart Mode  
(X = Noise Figure; Y = Gain)

### TRIGGER SELECTION

30.0 (T0) Free Run  
30.1 (T1) Hold  
30.2 (T2) Execute

### FREQUENCY CALIBRATION

31.0 (Y0) Automatic  
31.1 (Y1) Disable Frequency Cal  
31.2 (Y2) Perform One Frequency Cal

### INPUT GAIN CALIBRATION

32.0 (C0) 20, 10, and 0 dB  
32.1 (C1) 10, 0, and -10dB  
32.2 (C2) 0, -10, and -20 dB  
32.3 (C3) -10, -20, and -30 dB

### IF ATTENUATOR CALIBRATION

33.0 (IC) Use Mode 1.0 calibration setup (See Card 3) and press 33.0 SP.

### LOSS COMPENSATION

34.0 (L0) Off  
34.1 (L1) On  
34.2 (LA) Enter dB Loss before DUT (0 dB)  
34.3 (LT) Enter Temperature of Losses (OK)  
34.4 (LB) Enter dB Loss after DUT (0 dB)

### SEQUENCE FUNCTIONS

35.0 (QM) Manual  
35.1 (QA) Automatic  
35.2 (QS) Set (1-9)  
35.3 (QC) Clear

### HP-IB ADDRESSES

40.0 Display and Enter 8970A Address  
40.1 (EA) Display and Enter Ext LO Address

### EXTERNAL LO PROGRAMS

41.0 (J0) HP 8350A Sweep Oscillator  
41.2 (J2) HP 8672A Syn. Sig. Generator

### EXTERNAL LO COMMANDS

42.0 (AC) Auxiliary Commands  
42.1 (PS) CW Prefix and Suffix  
42.2 (TM) Settling Time in ms  
42.3 (MN) Min Frequency in MHz  
42.4 (MX) Max Frequency in MHz

### HP-IB DATA OUTPUT SELECTION

43.0 (H0) NOISE FIGURE Only  
43.1 (H1) Frequency (Left Display), INSERTION GAIN, NOISE FIGURE

### SERVICE REQUEST

(See Status Byte, Card 2)  
44.0 (Q0) Disable SRQ capability (Clears All Enabled Conditions)  
44.1 (Q1) Enable Data Ready  
44.2 (Q2) Enable Cal Complete  
44.3 (Q3) Enable HP-IB Code Error  
44.6 (Q6) Enable Instrument Error  
Each condition must be enabled separately

### SPECIAL FUNCTION CATALOG

50.N Refer to Card 2

For Special Functions 60 thru 99 refer to the Manual.

SPECIAL DISPLAYS



Measurement overflow or Noise Figure reading greater than 23dB. See Error Code 99 below.



Data not ready. The reserved number 90000 E + 06 is sent over HP-IB when the instrument receives a read command while this display is present in Trigger Hole mode. (90000 E + 06 is also sent when a display is blank.)

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HP-IB OUTPUT FORMATS

HP-IB code H0 (43.0 SP): ± DDDDD E ± NN CR LF

HP-IB code H1 (43.1 SP): ± DDDDD E ± NN, ± DDDDD E ± NN, ± DDDDD E ± NN CR LF

Errors:

+ 900DD E ± 06 CR LF

Error Code

Reserved Number:

+ 90000 E ± 06 CR LF

Used for the " — — — — " special display and for a blank display.

Mantissa ————— Exponent

HP-IB STATUS BYTE:

Bit	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Condition	0 (always)	RQS	Instru- ment Error	0 (always)	0 (always)	HP-IB Code Error	Cal Com- plete	Data Ready

SPECIAL FUNCTION CATALOG

Special Function 50.N displays the Special Function Catalog. 50.0 SP sequences thru all 6 catalog lines. 50.1 thru 50.6 SP display the specified catalog line. For example:



Displays the N = 1 line:

The first displayed digit (N) is the catalog line number. Each of the other digits is the suffix of a specific Special Function as shown in the table below:



SP Code suffixes

This display indicates the following special functions:  
1.4, 2.2, 4.1, 5.0

Digit positions

LINE NO.	SPECIAL FUNCTION PREFIXES			
1	1	2	4	5
2	10/9*	11	12	13
3	N/A	14	15	**
4	30	31	32	34
5	35	41†	43	N/A
6	SEE MANUAL			

SP code prefixes N = 1

\* 0–4 = 10.0 thru 10.4 SP; 5 = 9.1 SP; 6 = 9.2 SP; 7 = 9.3 SP; 8 = 9.4 SP.

\*\* Indicates selected analog output:

0–3 = 7.0 thru 7.3 SP; 4 = 22.0 SP; 5 = 23.0 SP; 6 = 24.0 SP.

† Indicates selected Ext LO Program:

0 = 41.0 SP (8350A); 2 = 41.2 SP (8672A); 9 = Custom Ext LO Program.

ERROR CODES

Hardware Error

(Press PRESET and check input signal. See Manual if **same** error repeats.)

**E10** A/D conversion failed.

**E11** A/D converter overflow.

**E12** Input overflow.

**E13** IF attenuator calibration failed.

**E14** Cannot select proper IF or RF attenuators.

**E18** Frequency calibration failed.

**E80** Continuous memory failure.

Not Properly Calibrated For Corrected Measurement

(Repeat calibration, see Card 3.)

**E20** Not calibrated.

**E21** Current frequency is out of calibrated range.

**E22** Current RF attenuator is not calibrated.

**E23** Not calibrated in the current measurement and band modes.

**E24** Not calibrated for the current IF (measurement modes 1.1 and 1.3).

**E25** Not calibrated for the current LO frequency (measurement mode 1.2).

**E26** IF attenuators not calibrated (perform Special Function 33).

**E27** Overflow while calibrating.

Invalid Frequency Error

(Change frequency parameter and repeat measurement.)

**E30** Start frequency is greater than stop frequency during calibration or plot. Or, the Lower Limit is greater than the Upper Limit (see Special Function 8).

**E31** Number of cal. points exceeds 81.

**E32** LO frequency will be out of range.

**E33** IF will be out of range.

**E34** DSB not allowed in meas mode 1.2.

Entry Error

(Check and repeat entry.)

**E35** Entered value is out of range.

**E36** Undefined special function.

**E37** Paramater entry not allowed.

**E38** Undefined HP-IB command.

**E41** Invalid HP-IB characters.

**E42** No external LO is connected when in controller mode (4.1 SP).

**E43** Commands received while in Talk Only mode (4.2 SP).

Service Errors

(Do not affect SRQ or Status Byte.)

**E50–79** Service related errors (see Manual).

**E80** Continuous memory failure (see Hardware Errors).

Special Display Error

(Check measurement setup.)

**E99** (HP-IB only) This error is sent on the HP-IB when the " — — " display is shown.

## MEASUREMENT MODES

### There are 3 groups of Measurement Modes

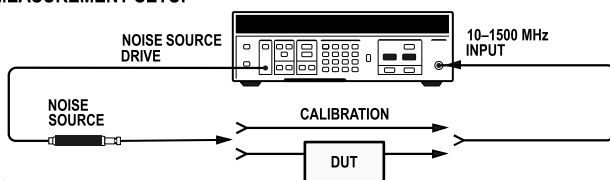
- I. Mode 1.0 is used from 10 to 1500 MHz, no Ext LO or frequency conversion.
- II. Modes 1.1 and 1.3 are used with a variable-frequency Ext LO and a fixed IF.
- III. Modes 1.2 and 1.4 are used with a fixed-frequency Ext LO and a variable IF.

The external equipment is similar for Modes 1.1 and 1.2 or 1.3 and 1.4 (see figures below).

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS for Modes 1.1 and 1.3 when the HP 8970A is the controller:

- a. HP-IB cable connected between 8970A and the Ext LO.
- b. Ext LO control selected (4.1 SP).
- c. Ext LO address correct (40.1 SP).
- d. An Ext LO program selected (For example, 41.0 or 41.2 SP).

### CALIBRATION AND MEASUREMENT SETUP (MODE 1.0)

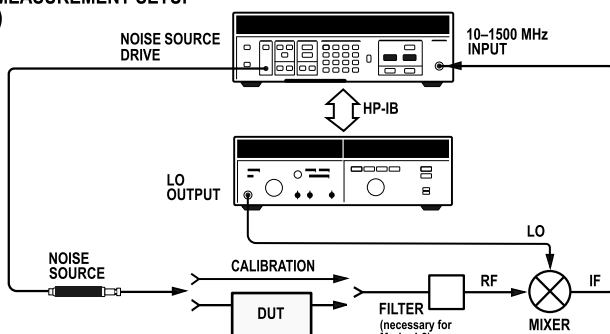


### MODE 1.0 (1.0 SP)

10–1500 MHz measurement, no Ext LO or frequency conversion.

- a. Press 1.0 SP.
- b. Set frequency parameters.
- c. Calibrate as shown.
- d. Insert device under test (DUT) and measure.

### CALIBRATION AND MEASUREMENT SETUP (MODE 1.1 AND 1.2)



### MODE 1.1 (1.1 SP)

Variable-frequency Ext LO, frequency conversion in measurement system but not in DUT.

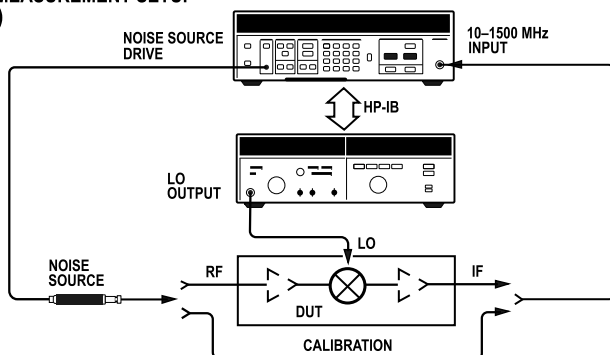
- a. Verify minimum requirements (see above).
- b. Press 1.1 SP.
- c. Set frequency parameters (including fixed IF, 3.0 SP).
- d. Calibrate as shown.
- e. Insert DUT and measure.

### MODE 1.2 (1.2 SP)

Fixed-frequency Ext LO, single sideband, frequency conversion in measurement system but not in DUT

- a. Select single sideband offset (2.1 or 2.2 SP).
- b. Press 1.2 SP (left display shows E33 until step c. is performed).
- c. Set frequency parameters (including fixed LO Frequency, 3.1 SP).
- d. Calibrate as shown (external filtering is required).
- e. Insert DUT and measure.

### CALIBRATION AND MEASUREMENT SETUP (MODE 1.3 AND 1.4)



### MODE 1.3 (1.3 SP)

Variable-frequency Ext LO, frequency conversion in DUT (for testing mixer or receiver).

- a. Verify minimum requirements (see above).
- b. Press 1.3 SP.
- c. Set frequency parameters (including fixed IF, 3.0 SP).
- d. Calibrate as shown.
- e. Insert DUT and measure.

### MODE 1.4 (1.4 SP)

Fixed-frequency Ext LO, variable IF, frequency conversion in DUT (for testing mixer or receiver).

- a. Set frequency parameters (including fixed LO Frequency, 3.1 SP).
- b. Press 1.4 SP.
- c. Calibrate as shown.
- d. Insert DUT and measure.
- e. Left display shows IF frequency.